BEFORE THE

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Petition of the Village of Mazomanie and Customers for Extended Community Calling to the Madison, Middleton, Verona and Oregon Exchanges 6720-TV-118

NOTICE OF INVESTIGATION AND ASSESSMENT OF COSTS

On May 6, 1998, the Commission received a petition from customers of the Mazomanie exchange of Ameritech Wisconsin (Ameritech) requesting extended community calling (ECC) with the communities of Madison, Middleton, Maple Bluff, Monona, Shorewood Hills, and Fitchburg. These communities are served by the exchanges of Madison (Ameritech), Middleton (Mid-Plains Telephone, Inc.), Oregon (GTE North Incorporated) and Verona (Mount Vernon Telephone Company). Also filed was a resolution approved by the village board requesting ECC between the Madison and Mazomanie exchanges.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Commission will investigate this matter as a formal complaint under § 196.26, Stats. Additional authority may be found at §§ 196.01, 196.02, 196.03, 196.196, 196.219, 196.37, Stats., and other sections of ch. 196 as may be pertinent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Commission may deem it necessary in order to carry out its duties herein to investigate the books, accounts, practices, and activities of Ameritech Wisconsin. The expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to such investigation will be assessed against and collected from Ameritech Wisconsin in accordance with the provisions of § 196.85, Stats., and ch. PSC 5, Wis. Admin. Code.

This is a Type III action under § PSC 4.10(3), Wis. Admin. Code. No unusual circumstances suggesting the likelihood of significant environmental consequences have come to the Commission's attention. Neither an environmental impact statement under § 1.11 Stats., nor an environmental assessment is required.

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Questions on this matter may be addressed to Tom Gross, of our staff, at (608) 267-2337.
Dated at Madison, Wisconsin,
By the Commission:
Lynda L. Dorr
Secretary to the Commission